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Israel, the occupying Power, continues to wage its brutal military campaign against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in the Gaza Strip, while the international community continues to espouse a muted response. In the past two days alone, Israeli occupying forces killed nine more Palestinians, while at least 50 others were injured, including an 11-year-old boy and a mother of three. Most of the deaths that have been inflicted, on the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupying forces occurred in the town of Khaza'a, east of Khan Younis, and in the town of Beit Hanoun, north of Gaza City. This tragic death toll is aggravated by the Israeli occupying forces blocking medical crews from accessing the injured and dead in Beit Hanoun in particular, as well as the siege imposed by the occupying forces against Beit Hanoun Hospital. Adding to the alarm of Palestinian residents and observers are the clear intentions of the Israeli forces to further escalate the situation on the ground by expanding the military assault on the Gaza Strip. In Rafah, a large number of Israeli military armoured vehicles, tanks and bulldozers occupied Gaza International Airport on Tuesday, 31 October 2006, and Israeli soldiers called on residents to evacuate their homes. Official Israeli declarations have also made it clear that the ongoing military assault is the largest of its kind against the Gaza Strip since June 2006.

Over the past four months, the Israeli occupation war machine has bombarded Gaza unabatedly, causing a high number of deaths and injuries to the civilian population. These atrocities come at a time when two alarming developments have taken place. On Monday, 30 October 2006, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that the Israeli occupation forces will expand its operations in Gaza. That declaration was endorsed by the Israeli security cabinet at its meeting today. This escalated Israeli aggression also comes only a day after Avigdor Lieberman, head of the extremist party Israel Beytenu, joined the Israeli Government in the position of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Strategic Threats. The Israeli Prime Minister's alliance with

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Lieberman, who is notoriously known for his openly declared anti-Palestinian sentiments, should be cause for concern for the international community as a whole.

In line with the above-mentioned developments, it is starkly evident that Israel, the occupying Power, intends to escalate the situation on the ground by causing as much death and destruction as possible in the Occupied Palestinian Territory through the deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the Palestinian population. Indeed, in both word and action, the occupying Power has indicated that it will continue with its aggression and illegal policies, further compounding the suffering of the Palestinian people, who are already forced to bear inhumane conditions under its brutal occupation. Hence, we continue to call on the international community to take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease its military attacks and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 268 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 25 October 2006 (A/ES-10/362-S/2006/843), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 15 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,304.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
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Since Wednesday, 1 November 2006, the Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 28 Palestinians, including two children under the age of four, women and elderly, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The overwhelming majority of those killed and injured during this period by violent and lethal military raids and attacks by Israel, the occupying Power, in the northern Gaza Strip area, particularly in the town of Beit Hanoun, were civilians.

Using tanks, helicopter gunships and bulldozers, the Israeli occupying forces unleashed the largest aggression Israel has conducted in the Gaza Strip in months, under the name of "Operation Autumn Clouds". Today, Israeli occupying forces opened fire at approximately 300 Palestinian women who were marching towards Beit Hanoun in an attempt to break the three-day siege of the town and rescue more than 60 Palestinians in the town's Al-Nasr mosque, which had been surrounded by Israeli occupying forces. The Israeli forces indiscriminate fire resulted in the killing of 40-year-old Rajaa' Abu Odeh and 40-year-old In'aam Salem, as well as the injury of at least 25 others, a number of whom remain in critical condition; a journalist who was recovering the demonstration was also injured. Israel, the occupying Power has also continued its criminal practice of extrajudicial killing. Overnight, the Israeli occupying forces targeted a vehicle in an aerial attack outside a mosque in Gaza City, killing all four men inside. Five people were also wounded in the attack. Also, in the Balata refugee camp near Nablus in the West Bank, the Israeli occupying forces killed 14-year-old Ibrahim Skarneh while he was attempting to save his brother, who was the target of an extrajudicial assassination at the hands of Israeli "Special Forces".

These dramatic events have occurred following my letter to you on 1 November 2006, in which we warned that, in the absence of a clear and strong position by the international community demanding an immediate cessation of

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Israel's military aggression against the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation, the continuation of Israel's military rampage against the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip and throughout the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory will continue with yet more devastating consequences. The Security Council's responsibility towards the continuing deteriorating situation and crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, is unquestionable. In this regard, the Council's failure to uphold its main responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security is glaring, cannot be overlooked and must be addressed.

In line with the above-mentioned developments, it is starkly evident that Israel, the occupying Power, is escalating the situation on the ground by causing as much death and destruction as possible in the Occupied Palestinian Territory through the deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the Palestinian population. Indeed, in both word and action, the occupying Power has indicated that it will in fact continue with its aggression and illegal policies, further compounding the suffering of the Palestinian people, who are already forced to bear inhumane conditions under its brutal occupation. Hence, we continue to call on the international community to take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease immediately its military aggression, to withdraw its forces to its positions outside Gaza and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 269 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 1 November 2006 (A/ES-10/363-S/2006/858), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 22 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,326.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 3 November 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Thursday, 26 October 2006 to Friday, 3 November 2006)

Thursday, 26 October 2006

1. Suhail Abdul Razeq Al-Majdalawi
2. Ahmad Kamal Al-Braim (18)
3. Lami Abu Lehya

Friday, 27 October 2006

1. Fadi Nimer Subeh
2. Mostafa Jabr Zalat (18)
3. Ahmad Hassan Abu Hassan

Saturday, 28 October 2006

Ni'mat Odwan

Monday, 30 October 2006

Mazen Mohammad Abu Odeh

Tuesday, 31 October 2006

1. Zaki Al-Najjar
2. Shadi Khaled Al-Njar
3. Mohammad Waheed Al-Najjar

Wednesday, 1 November 2006

1. Mohammad Mahmoud Fayyad
2. Tareq Mostafa Nasser
3. Ahmad Youssef Sa'adat (18)
4. Hossam Mohammad Abu Harbeed
5. Fayez Mohammad Zwaydi
6. Khalil Hamad
7. Ahmad Jihad Odwan
8. Mohammad Saleh Al-Masri
9. Bassem Al-Jammal
10. Essam Abu Odeh
11. Ziab Jabr Al-Bassiouni (65)
12. Youssef Rouhi Aql
13. Hassan Salah
14. Mohammad Sameer Mahmoud (18)

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,326.

15. Sami Abu Sil'aa
16. Baraa' Fayyad (3)

Thursday, 2 November 2006

1. Tamer Ali Halas
2. Ammar Riyad Moush'taha
3. Mohammad Talal Farahat

Friday, 3 November 2006

1. Rajaa' Abu Odeh
2. In'aam Salem
3. Ahmad Sahweel
4. Hamza Karsou' (17)
5. Hamdi Ramadan Abdel Dayem (16)
6. Abd Subeh (14)
7. Ibrahim Skarneh (14)

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Identical letters dated 8 November 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In the early hours of this morning, Wednesday, 8 November 2006, Israeli occupying forces shelled a residential neighbourhood with 12 missiles in the town of Beit Hanoun in the northern Gaza Strip, killing 19 civilians and wounding at least 54, 15 seriously. These civilians were shelled in their sleep or while they were fleeing the shelling in the neighbourhood of Al-Kafarneh, where two homes were specifically targeted. The victims included 16 members of one family, Al-Athamneh, including a one-month-old baby, a one-year-old baby girl, seven other children and six women. Palestinian medical personnel have been unable to identify several victims due to the severe burns and the separation, shattering and distortion of body parts caused by explosives of a non-conventional nature. Doctors in the Gaza Strip insist that these kinds of severe injuries are caused by a weapon that Israel, the occupying Power, started using in the Gaza Strip six months ago.

This horrific crime took place less than 24 hours after the Israeli occupying forces declared an end to their aggression in the area, which has been carried out since 1 November 2006 and left over 100 dead and over 350 injured, many seriously. Alongside their crimes in Gaza, Israeli occupying forces killed five Palestinians in Al-Yamoun village, near Jenin in the West Bank. There are signs that four of them were executed after their arrest by the Israeli occupying forces.

These despicable crimes took place following a letter from President Mahmoud Abbas to the President of the Security Council in which he called upon the international community to shoulder its responsibilities and to stop Israel's brutal crimes against Palestinian civilians in Beit Hanoun and elsewhere in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. In this regard, and with a sense of great urgency, we call on the international community to exert concerted efforts to launch an independent investigation into Israel's deliberate targeting and

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killing of Palestinian civilians. The United Nations should examine these atrocities committed by Israel, the occupying Power, and take action to bring them to an end.

In line with the above-mentioned developments, it is starkly evident that Israel, the occupying Power, is destroying all chances for peace and escalating the situation on the ground by causing as much death and destruction as possible in the Occupied Palestinian Territory through the deliberate use of excessive, indiscriminate and completely disproportionate force against the Palestinian civilian population.

Indeed, in both word and action, Israel, the occupying Power, has indicated that it will in fact continue with its aggression and illegal policies, further compounding the suffering of the Palestinian people, who are already forced to bear inhumane conditions under its brutal occupation. Hence, we continue to call on the international community to take action to compel Israel, the occupying Power, to cease immediately its military aggression and to scrupulously abide by international law, particularly the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 270 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. Those letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 3 November 2006 (A/ES-10/364-S/2006/862), constitute a basic record of the crimes committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret to inform you that, since our last letter to you, at least 59 more Palestinians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,385 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Friday, 3 November 2006, to Wednesday, 8 November 2006)

Friday, 3 November 2006

1. Iyad Abu Al-Jidyan
2. Mahmoud Sabah
3. Abdel Kareem Khaleel Sobeh (14)
4. Ahmad Mansour Abu Humaid
5. Tha'er Ahmad Hassan
6. Basil Ashour
7. Salman Saber Odwan
8. Ra'ed Yasseen (17)
9. Ayman Yasseen (19)
10. Mostafa Habeeb

Saturday, 4 November 2006

1. Ilaa' Talal Nasser (15)
2. Israa' Talal Nasser (19)
3. Ammar Omar
4. Ahmad Al-Madhoun
5. Lou'ai Al-Bornou
6. Ibrahim Al-Bassiouni (18)
7. Ra'ed Siyam
8. Marwan Abu Harbeed

Sunday, 5 November 2006

1. Ra'ed Abdel Al
2. Hossam Mohammad Obaid
3. Mahdi Al-Hamadeen
4. Fatmah Abdel Fattah Zahran (70)
5. Mazen Hani Shabat

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,385.

Monday, 6 November 2006

1. Mahmoud Awni Taha
2. Mohammad Ahmad Ashour Al-Kafarneh (19)
3. Ramzi Al-Sharafi (15)
4. Alaa' Tawfeeq Siyam
5. Ahmad Mutei' Al-Hossary
6. Mohammad Ahmad Ashour
7. Mirvat Mas'oud (18)
8. Usama Saleh Jabr

Tuesday, 7 November 2006

1. Badr Faisal
2. Usama Mohammad Al-Hobail
3. Mahmoud Abu Habal
4. Abdel Hameed Al-Gharbawi
5. Nahla Al-Shanti
6. Ra'ed Al-Qorom
7. Hamdi Al-Batsh
8. Nader Abu Al-Omrain

Wednesday, 8 November 2006

1. Iyad Suwailam
2. Deema Magdi Al-Athamneh (1)
3. Mayssaa' Ramzi Al-Athamneh (3)
4. Fatmeh Al-Athamneh (5)
5. Saa'd Magdi Abu Amsheh (8)
6. Mahmoud Amjad Al-Athamneh (12)
7. Mahdi Saa'di Al-Athamneh (13)
8. Mohammad Saa'di Al-Athamneh (14)
9. Arafat Al-Athamneh (17)
10. Nihad Al-Athamneh
11. Sameer Mas'oud Al-Athamneh
12. Mohammad Ramadan Al-Athamneh
13. Sanaa' Ahmad Al-Athamneh
14. Manal Ahmad Al-Athamneh
15. Saqr Mohmmad Odwan
16. Sabah Al-Athamneh
17. Mas'oud Abdallah Al-Athamneh
18. Ni'mat Al-Athamneh
19. Mohammad Nimr Abu Al-Nadi
20. Ilaa' Al-Athamneh